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SUBJECT: EC DEMARCHE ON CYPRUS

1. BRITISH TELL US THEY HAVE APPROVED FRENCH IDEA OF A DEMARCHE BY FRENCH ON BEHALF OF EC IN ANKARA, ATHENS, AND WITH TWO COMMUNITIES ON CYPRUS. DEMARCHE WILL EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATIONS.

2. BECAUSE OF MAKARIOS' IMPENDING RETURN TO CYPRUS,

FRENCH ARE PRESSING TO MAKE DEMARCHE BEFORE TOMORROW'S (DECEMBER 5) MEETING IN PARIS OF EC SPECIAL WORKING GROUP ON SOUTHERN AND MEDITERRANEAN EUROPE. HOWEVER ONE OF THE EC (NOT UK) IS HOLDING OUT FOR DISCUSSING IT FIRST AT THAT MEETING. IN VIEW OF THE FRENCH INITIATIVE, BRITISH REP (GOODISON) HAS DROPPED IDEA HE
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HAD FOR AN EC DEMARCHE IN INTERROGATIVE FASHION, ABOUT

WHICH DEPARTMENT REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WHEN CONSULTED.

3. MUCH OF THE STEAM FOR SOME EC MOVE ON CYPRUS HAS BEEN GENERATED BY FRG REPRESENTATIVES OVER PAST WEEK. HOWEVER, GERMAN IDEAS HAVE BEEN HOPELESSLY OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION ACCORDING TO FCO OFFICIALS (E.G., GERMANS WERE PUSHING FOR A DEMARCHE TO INFLUENCE ATHENS TRIPARTITE MEETING AGAINST MAKARIOS' RETURN EVEN AFTER MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE). BRITISH HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CHANNEL GERMAN ENERGY INTO RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS MOVES. FRG REFUGEE ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING BRAUN'S STUDY MISSION (APPARENTLY ON BEHALF OF BUNDESTAG) TO CYPRUS (NICOSIA 4315) HAS BEEN ANOTHER ASPECT OF GERMAN CONCERN.

4. BRITISH AGAIN EMPHASIZE USEFULNESS OF US DEBRIEFING FRENCH REPRESENTATIVES (EC PRESIDENCY) ON DECEMBER 5 MEETING AS PART OF PROCEDURE FOR REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WHICH EC WISHES TO ESTABLISH.

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